MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR (*Chief Engineer*): Pedestrians cannot use the Railway bridge.

Qualifications for recruitment as Constables.

145. ✻MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any examination qualification is prescribed for constables recruited to the Police Department at present;

(*b*) if so what;

(*c*) if examination qualification is not compulsory at present, whether any examination qualification was compulsory at any time before;

(*d*) if so, what that examination qualification was; and

(*e*) if examination qualification is not compulsory at present, the date from which such an arrangement came into effect?

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of the answer to (*a*).

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) A †statement is appended.

(*e*) 1-2-1112/16-9-1936.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: കാൺസ്റ്റബിൾമാരെ റിക്രൂട്ട് ചെയ്യുമ്പോൾ പോലീസ് ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർമാരായിരുന്നവരുടെ മക്കളെ പരീക്ഷായോഗ്യതയിൽനിന്നും ഒഴിവാക്കിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: That was the case previously, Sir, not now.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know what necessitated the change of policy in regard to qualifications for recruitment as constables?

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: I am not aware when the change came about. Before I came here I found that to be the policy. Possibly I think there should not be any hard and fast rule in the matter of educational qualifications, especially for selection of men in a department like the Police and the Army. I could even say, that is not necessary.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I ask, should not a policeman know at least how to write a diary?

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: He should know that of course. If the man knows to read and write well, that is enough educational qualification. In fact, in the Travancore police force, there is no illiterate. That is what I have stated in the Administration Report. Nowhere in India such a state of thing exists.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know whether that does not pre-suppose that one should be qualified to write also?

KHAN BAHADUR G. S ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: Of course, Sir

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Appendix III.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 145.**

Statement showing the Educational qualifications of several communities for enlistment in the Police Force as Constables.

Caste or community.	*Minimum Educational Qualification.*
I	
Brahmins	V. S. L. C. or studied up to VI Form in English.
Kshatrias	Do.
Vellalas	Do.
Nairs	Do.
Nadars	Do.
Ezhavas	Do.
Chekkalas	Do.
Christians etc.	Do.
II	
Muslims	Studied up to VI class in Malayalam or III Form in English.
III.	
Pulayas	Literate.
Parayas	Do.
Maravas	Do.
Velans	Do.
Koravans	Do.
Barbers	Do.
Valans	Do.
Kaniyans	Do.
Aryans	Do.
Patians	Do.
Ainavars	Do.
Valluvans	Do.
Kakkalans	Do.
Pallans	Do.
Velans	Do.
Velladans	Do.
Nulayas	Do.
Edayas	Do.
Oilmongers	Do.
Thandans	Do.
Washermen	Do.
Chaluppans	Do.
Chemmans	Do.
Kammalas	Do.
Fishermen etc.	Do.
IV.	
Sons of retired or deceased Policemen.	Literate.
V.	
Ex-war-service men	Do.

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